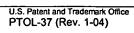
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, second to the last line, the term "and" has been changed to – an --.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the instant claims are patentable over the art because the prior art fails to teach or suggest a weather strip a U-shaped cross-section that includes two side walls and a bottom wall wherein holding lips extend inwardly from a side wall obliquely toward an open mouth of the U-shaped section to form a connecting part and a main part which extends from the ends of the connecting parts obliquely toward said bottom wall.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Thomas whose telephone number is 571-272-1502. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-4:00 M-THUR.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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